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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified continuation application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Page 1, line 1, please add the following sentence: "The present application is a continuation of a co-pending application Serial No. 09/445,249, filed June 5, 2000, entitled "METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT," the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

**In the Claims**

15 Please CANCEL claims 1-30.

Please ADD the following new claims:

31. A method of treating sewage; said method comprising:

separately collecting black water;

selectively performing liquid/solid separation of said black water; and

20 performing fermentation of solids of said black water.

32. A method of utilizing waste waters; said method comprising:

separately collecting faecal waste water with urine separation toilets;